

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-3
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City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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Commissioner Vince Lago
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Public Speaker(s)

Jason Rogers, Coral Gables Resident

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Discussion regarding confirmation of City Commission consensus for certain new neighborhood initiatives to slow traffic, improve recycling, and enhance community aesthetics. (Sponsored by Commissioner Lago).

Mayor Cason: F-3 – Commissioner Lago this is slow traffic, recycling, aesthetics.

Commissioner Lago: Basically the gist of this point, the reason why I put it on for discussion was, I know that we've been having some back and forth in regards to the speed limits and potentially lowering the speed limits, and after three years we finally got County approval. I don't know if staff wants to come up and potentially also brief the Commission, but I wanted to kind of get your idea on how you felt in reference to potentially in the neighborhoods, I mean local roads in the residential areas. I'm not talking about commercial areas; I'm not talking about

collectors, main thoroughfares. I did a little bit of background in reference to what are the benefits of lowering the speed limit from 30 to 25 to 20, the benefits are staggering, but I wanted to get your input. Again, I wanted to make this decision as a Commission as-a-whole and see what your input was.

Commissioner Slesnick: Have you thought about, I think you said that some of the gated communities wanted to have a trial from the lower speed limits and maybe that's where we should start off, like in Hammock Oaks or Gables Estates or one of those.

Commissioner Lago: Well my understanding is that they are moving in a direction of potentially going even lower to 20 miles an hour. The only issue I have with doing a trial, which I think is a spectacular idea, I think the issue is that, that's a very confined, controlled atmosphere where they are not facing some of the issues that, for example, we face in our neighborhoods where you have a lot of young children on our street playing between one stop sign and another, and that stop sign would be Alhambra and the other one would be San Amaro, where as per the law, as per the way the law is written today, you can get up to 37 miles an hour on that very small internal road. I mean again, I'm up for discussion, I don't know how my colleagues feel about it, but I just want to make sure that they understand that I'm willing to listen to them and that I'm flexible.

Mayor Cason: I'm in favor of it, unless there is a neighborhood that feels strongly they don't want it, and we'll say go forward with it, but ask any neighborhoods that have an association or that can speak for a group of people if they do not want it and then come and tell us why.

Commissioner Slesnick: I'll really like to have more public hearings about this, because I've gotten lots of letters and phone calls about it because we brought it up at the last meeting where people want to keep the speed limit at 30 miles an hour, but I'm open to it, but I would like to have more public hearings or public input, and again, we are here in the middle of the day when no one has the time to come in and speak, because they are out working; and also when is our traffic study coming up? I keep hearing that the traffic study is going to be here in January or February?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Are you referring to the Multi-modal Transportation Plan?

Commissioner Slesnick: No. Don't we have a traffic study being done?

Commissioner Lago: Citywide traffic.

Mayor Cason: Citywide traffic.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I believe you are calling it correctly Jessica, is the Multi-modal Transportation Plan, so that it's not just traffic in the neighborhoods, so the question that, I think Commissioner Slesnick is asking is there a particular schedule when the plan will come together for presentation.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: The Multi-modal Transportation Plan, we are looking to wrap that up sometime in April and we just finished our community engagement process. I met with the consultant last week where they provided us a number of recommendations. We are going to talk tonight at the Transportation Advisory Board about some of those recommendations and then we have to create real projects, so that we can move forward with implementation.

Commissioner Slesnick: When you have the Traffic Advisory Board tonight, have they discussed having a survey or anything going out to the public about...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: The Transportation Advisory Board has supported unanimously the 25 mile an hour speed limit twice.

Commissioner Slesnick: I know, but do they have any plans of getting public input?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: No.

Commissioner Slesnick: I'd like to have more than just five or ten people make decisions.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Commissioner, I understand that if I may sir. We have been to how many night meetings has your office attended over the last year and-a-half?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: The one thing that I haven't done is I haven't collected the data from our individual community meetings, because it wasn't an actual question to ask at that point in time, but overwhelmingly the community says to me, please lower the speed limit.

Commissioner Lago: Can I interject just one second there, because I attended those meetings, like you said you've had several e-mails of people who tell me they don't want to lower the speed limit. I've received probably about a dozen e-mails, especially after the Herald wrote on the front page an article in reference to lowering the speed limit.

Commissioner Slesnick: Miami Today wasn't it?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: No, Miami Herald.

Commissioner Slesnick: OK.

Commissioner Lago: The Miami Herald actually wrote an article that was on the front page that talked about lowering the speed limit, and this has been an effort that I've been pushing for, for over three years and I've been dealing with the County with the help of our City Attorney and our City Manager, and all of you, to bring this to fruition, because I haven't met anybody and I've walked and criss-cross this City and staff can tell you, I meet with every single resident, I meet with every single business owner. I have a simple presentation, just simple words I want to read to you to give you a little bit of background, some actual concrete facts that are irrefutable that you can't even argue with in reference to the benefits of lowering the speed limit. I personally have never met anybody that told me that they want the speed limit to increase or kept the same, everybody wants it slowed down. So if you just give me one second, I just want to give you some facts that maybe will ease your opinions in regards to lowering the speed limit. Overwhelming evidence confirms that lowering speed limits makes it far less likely that a pedestrian will die or suffer severe injuries in a crash. Someone hit at 20 miles an hour has a 95 percent chance of survival, which falls to 60 percent at 30 miles an hour, and 20 percent when hit at 40 miles an hour, according to studies reviewed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Let me tell you why those numbers are important, because even though we have a speed limit of 30 miles an hour, tickets aren't given or enforcement doesn't occur, Chief Hudak, he was here before, until 38 miles an hour, because you have a 7 mile an hour buffer before a ticket actually occur. So you are talking about, if you lower the speed limit to 25 miles an hour there is a significant increase in the fact that somebody who is struck will not be a fatality, that's one thing. Lower speed limits also give a driver more time to react as well as wider peripheral field of vision to avoid hitting people or vehicles that suddenly enter the streets. It is not just academic research that has shown that it's time to slow traffic down. Cities as diverse as, by the way, we are not the first one to do this, we are behind the curve, Boston did this in April, Paris, Tokyo, Columbia Missouri, have all, along with many other cities including London lower their speed limits. The rate of crash related deaths and serious injuries within a 20 mile an hour residential zone has dropped by 46 percent, 46 percent. By lowering the speed limit that is a huge number, you can't put a price on the amount of lives that you save by lowering the speed limits. If New York and Tokyo traffic fatality rates, we have hundred fewer deaths per year and the number of people seriously injured by drivers who don't have time to stop would plummet as well. London study show a roughly 40 percent drop in deaths and severe injuries for all users as a result of its 20 to 25 mile default speed limit. Researchers have also uncovered startling development facts; children under 15 are biologically incapable of accurately perceiving the speed of an oncoming car if it's travelling faster than 20 miles an hour. This fact is why we

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hear so often about children darting into traffic. Studies show that every one mile per hour reduction of vehicle speeds on urban, pedestrian, heavy streets leads to a six percent decrease in traffic fatalities. So every one mile you lower, it drops traffic fatalities by six percent. In my opinion, we need to move forward in reference to this issue. I know that there is a cost associated with it, and again, I will love to have more public input, but this is something that to me you cannot compromise when it comes to public safety. I think that's our number one duty as a Commission and I ask for your support today on this issue.

Mayor Cason: Let me ask Jason Rogers who would like to say something on this.

Mr. Rogers: Good afternoon. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Mayor Cason: Sure.

Mr. Rogers: I moved to Coral Gables three years ago; my name is Jason Rogers, I live at 1131 Venetia Avenue. I've just recently started getting involved in some of these discussions; one being the Segovia artwork, which I have no opinion on, however at the direct issue at hand is the speed limits. I do live on Venetia Avenue and my property is unique, it borders Venetia Avenue, Street, as well as Venetia Terrace. Venetia Terrace is a very narrow road. I go out there all the time to put my garbage in the swale area; I'm always working in the yard. Venetia Avenue, Milan, and Obispo in my opinion are thoroughfares for people who live outside of our community that drive on Red Road that want to avoid the traffic on Eighth Street. I see this all the time and I hear it, because there are stop signs directly behind my home. I can tell when a car is not going to stop or they are going too fast; and I walk out there and I run out there and I look and I try to get the car – sometimes I wave and sometimes I say slow down. I've actually been stopped by somebody, excuse me, a car stopped one day and said, what, I didn't hit you, you are OK, aren't you?- I said, that's not the point. I said what if it was a kid, what if it was your kid and what if we are out having a good time, I walk over to my neighbor Jose all the time, and I have to look both ways before I cross the street. That street is very narrow. I was supporting a 25 mile an hour speed zone, but now I'm thinking, because of your stats and stats don't lie, I think it should go down to a 20 mile an hour speed limit, and if we are given a leeway of seven miles an hour before we even get a ticket, I think it absolutely should go to 20 miles an hour.

Commissioner Slesnick: Jason, do you ever see police officers enforcing the speed limit in your neighborhood?- do you ever see them stopping traffic or having speed traps?

Mr. Rogers: Yes, one time I saw them directly out there right behind my house.

Commissioner Slesnick: And you've been there for a year?

Mr. Rogers: Three years.

Commissioner Slesnick: So you've seen traffic stopped one time in three years.

Mr. Rogers: Yes, I have seen cop cars patrolling the area, sometimes they are parked in the streets behind my house, I'm wondering if I can just call and have them park right there.

Commissioner Slesnick: Which would certainly slow it down when you see a police car parked on the side of the road coming down the street, you do slow down. There is a Miami Today article, an editorial by the Editor of the Miami Today that said that the City of Miami is thinking about reducing their speed limits to 25, however they don't have the police officers on staff to enforce the rules, whether it was 50 miles an hour or 10 miles an hour, there aren't enough police officers and that's the problem we have in Coral Gables. There is very little enforcement of the existing speed limits and having speed traps, if you will, which is not the nicest thing to say, but speed traps set up to enforce the thoroughfare traffic, which goes through, because 80 percent of the traffic in Coral Gables really do issue tickets they are from people passing through, not the residents who have children in the neighborhood and so forth. So, I would like, I'm having a Town Hall meeting in January, which I'd like everybody to attend, but at least do a survey to see what could be done and also maybe have certain areas really have enforcement, like try it for two months before we spend \$200,000 for new signs.

Mr. Rogers: I recommend to do a trial run on Venetia Terrace. It is a main thoroughfare...

Commissioner Slesnick: You mean as far as speed limit at 25 or as far as enforcement?

Mr. Rogers: Speed limit at 25 or 20 miles an hour. I think psychologically when people see a sign that says 20; they are going to say, OK, I can go 27. If they see a sign that says 30 miles an hour, they are going to say, Oh, I can go 35.

Commissioner Slesnick: I talked to somebody in law enforcement this morning and they said, between 30 and 35 they can stop cars and give them, not a ticket, but a warning that if they are going 33 or 34, they could be stopped. So if we had police officers out there on our streets enforcing that, you certainly would stay at 30 or less, so that's what I'd like to see. I just don't think there's been any enforcement that I've seen for two or three years in Coral Gables and that's why we have speeding.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Excuse me Mayor. Chief when I looked at the problem solving initiative meeting, the thousands of speeding tickets that have been issued this year

alone, I just have to say our officers are doing an amazing job on speeding enforcement, both in school zones and elsewhere, and how many thousands of tickets have they issued?- do you recall at the top?

Chief Hudak: I believe for the year we are up about 20,000, in that ballpark.

Commissioner Slesnick: And don't you think Chief, you could issue more tickets if you had more staff?

Chief Hudak: Oh, absolutely.

Commissioner Slesnick: Because I understand again, we have slots for eleven motorcyclists and we are down to five, so those motorcyclists are...

Chief Hudak: Five or six with the promotion we are down.

Commissioner Slesnick: OK. So we have six motorcyclists and we should have eleven, so if we had five more they could be out enforcing it, and enforcement, enforcement, enforcement, which we do not have, and I'd like to have 30,000 tickets or 40,000 tickets, if we had more police officers to enforce the laws, but if we have laws that no one's out there to enforce what difference does it make.

Mayor Cason: I think the point's going to be for most people in this part of the world a street sign is a suggestion. "If the cats away the mice will play," so it's a question of "cats" and we have 242 miles of roads in Coral Gables, we have 189 entrances, we do need to get at least part-time and I think the Manager is working on it.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yes sir. We have three people ready to go on the part-time, you'll see the City Attorney amending the pension ordinance to allow retired Coral Gables police officers who know this community to be able to come back, and he's working with Jim Lynn to make that minor amendment, it's not a problem, it just excludes for some reason police officers from being allowed to come back, you'll see that, plus you are seeing those little signs up that record your speed and what they also do is text to our zone officers when they are going more than five cars are going over the speed limit. So we are combining technology and people and I would say that if we gave the Police Chief even more positions in the part-time that he would be able to fill those as well.

City Attorney Leen: I just wanted to add two things. First, we will have that pension ordinance ready for the next Commission meeting, Madam City Manager; number two, I did do a little

research into the speed limits and I spoke to the City Manager about this yesterday, but for speeds exceeding the limit by one to five miles per hour, as you mentioned Commissioner, we spoke about this too yesterday, that can only be a warning. From six to nine miles an hour, it's only a \$25 fine; ten and above that's when the larger fines start. Also, Director Fernandez mentioned that the radar guns, they have to be calibrated and I guess, they can be up to three miles per hour off in either direction, which is the six miles per hour.

Commissioner Lago: So, if I may interject one second Mr. City Attorney, so we are talking about 41, 42 miles an hour. We can go back and forth all day; I've given you the facts. I'd like to make a motion to direct the City Manager and the City Attorney to produce an ordinance lowering the speed limits citywide in the local roads and residential neighborhoods to 25 miles an hour.

Vice Mayor Quesada: But didn't we do this already?

Commissioner Lago: We talked about it and I said that I was going to bring – I have a motion on the table, did anybody second me?

Vice Mayor Quesada: You could further explain...

Commissioner Lago: Well no, no, I just want to be clear.

Commissioner Keon: I second it for discussion purposes.

Commissioner Lago: Because very simple, I said I was going to bring this forward and basically provide more information and actually hopefully, with your support, bring this into an ordinance that staff could work on over the next few months and then bring it before the Commission for ratification, that was the effort that I was trying to accomplish by today.

Mayor Cason: I'm not worried about the money for the signs; we already put it in the budget.

Commissioner Lago: You also, and I had a great conversation with our Assistant City Manager, both of them, you can't put a price on someone's life, I mean think about it. If every other City that I mentioned to you before, we are talking about world class cities are moving in a direction of lowering the speed limit, and we call ourselves a pedestrian-friendly City who are biking, jogging, people are coming into our City to enjoy the streets. The least that we could do is make it an environment where people have to respect the laws here. Do I agree with Commissioner Slesnick, one hundred and fifty thousand percent, that enforcement is the key, but that goes hand-in-hand with lowering the speed limits, and we need to give the tools, we need to maybe get away from having that window of five miles an hour and ten miles an hour, maybe it's got to

be very strict, maybe it's got to be if you drive 25 – if you drive 26 miles an hour you get a full-fledged ticket. Again, I maybe speaking without having...

City Attorney Leen: It has to be a warning under the law.

Commissioner Keon: It's under the state statutes.

Commissioner Lago: My statement was going to go, I may not know the full law, but what needs to be done, but I think that we need to lower the speed limit, so that people understand that you can't be speeding through these neighborhoods, especially like the Mayor mentioned, we have 190 entrances in the City, people are using our neighborhoods to drive from one city to another and they are not respecting the law. One day we are going to have a tragic accident, especially in my neighborhood and I don't even want to think about that, especially with two young children.

Mayor Cason: What's your resolution?

Commissioner Slesnick: Commissioner Lago, I just wanted to mention, I'm not opposed to the 25 miles an hour, and I know you have younger children, so you are in a neighborhood with a lot of younger children too, and of course everybody walks up and down North Greenway with baby carriages and bicycles and so forth, it's just that I'm one for public input and I'd like to have some kind of survey or some kind – that's why I decided to have a Town Hall meeting and I was going to have it earlier, but now I'm going to have it in January, but I'd really like to get public input.

Commissioner Lago: Just so you are aware also, I'm having my second Town Hall meeting of the year, I've been having since I got elected, I have two a year. I had one in February, I'm having another one in December, I think 12th, Martha is finalizing it, and we'll be discussing that topic.

Commissioner Slesnick: And I'd like to see the input.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I wanted to let the Commission know that during our community engagement process related to the transportation plan, the first question we ask every single participant, they could not get past this without answering the question was, do you support a 25 mile an hour speed limit on residential streets in the City of Coral Gables? We had 90 people respond...

Commissioner Lago: How many?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: 90.

Commissioner Lago: 90?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Yes – and 76 percent of them supported, the remaining, I didn't bring, I wasn't completely prepared to speak so much on this topic today, the remaining did not care of was no. We also have an online survey and I haven't checked the results where we asked that specific question as well, I'd have to pull the numbers from that.

Commissioner Lago: You know the great thing about that, I'm sorry to interrupt you, the great thing about that is that out of 90 people, 76 people voted, it's a mandate saying that they would like to see the speed limits lowered, and the great thing about this is, we are just discussing, we are bringing a resolution now to go into an ordinance, so we have time, we have First Reading and Second Reading to get the remaining facts to make sure that the entire Commission knows how this community feels, but you've already done the surveys in reference to the people...

Mayor Cason: Let's do this. Anybody who is watching who has a view on this, please send us an e-mail, find some way to tell us how you think which will help us before your Town Meeting and your Town Meeting, before the ordinance is done if we approve the resolution, so that we get a – you are never going to get everybody, because most people don't opine, but I think the sentiment is 25.

Commissioner Lago: But let's also be very careful, OK, because recently we had a lot of e-mails that came in that where the facts weren't fully represented, so let's really put out the facts here, let's put out the facts. We are not talking about main thoroughfares, we are not talking about Alhambra, Granada, those main thoroughfares collector streets, as Assistant City Manager Iglesias has taught me so well, the jargon and the lingo. We are talking about neighborhood residential streets.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: That's correct.

Commissioner Lago: Local – local.

Commissioner Slesnick: Do we have a price because I've talked to our Assistant City Manager and he didn't think this was coming up until January or December about the price?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: One of the things I'm working with the City Attorney's office on developing is, because right now we have the worst case scenario is approximately \$180,000, but that is with the maximum number of signs we would have to install.

Commissioner Lago: Can I add something there, maybe I interject one second, I'm sorry. I also forgot to mention that this is a great opportunity and this is one of the issues that I've brought up to our City Manager, and we had a very thorough discussion about sign and visual pollution. Right now is a great time. If we are going to change these signs out and we are going to lower the speed limit in the neighborhood streets, why not as I had a resident bring to my attention the other day, we have all these signs, you have basically a sign notifying you of a future sign of a round-about of another round-about to a future round-about. So why not now take this opportunity to start getting rid of signs that are unnecessary and basically minimize the visual pollution as are allowed by the Code, and local and county and federal, the whole nine yards, I've got all my guys nodding, they are all nodding. They are all nervous about getting rid of signage. Listen, if we are lowering to 25 miles an hours it's to make sure we can bring as much safety to our streets.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: You bring up a very good point, because it's possible we don't know how many signs we have out there right now. We may end up with less signs in the end because we have places where its block after block after block, you have a speed limit sign. Often people will request a speed limit sign, because it's not necessary that we have as many speed limit signs as we do, so even in the worst case scenario it is possible that we would have less in the end. But working with the City Attorney's office, we are looking into seeing if it's possible that similar to, you mentioned the City of New York; the City of New York what they did was around the perimeter of their City, 25 miles per hour citywide speed limit unless posted otherwise. So we could get to 150 signs within the City of Coral Gables related to speed limits.

Mayor Cason: So we have a resolution, a motion, do we have a second?

Commissioner Keon: I second it. Could I ask one question though? That's the only think I'd like to look at when you come back with it is, because we can't regulate the speed limit, like on Granada or...

Commissioner Slesnick: Alhambra.

Commissioner Keon: Alhambra – I don't even know about University. I'm not sure what are considered collectors by the County, but I'd like to look at a City map where all the collectors and the arterials and whatever are designated, because those streets we can't affect the speed limit on; and my concern is going from if you turn off Granada, its 30 and then you turn onto a street its 25, how much signage do we have to post to make people, like at every corner when you are leaving that street, or if its sufficient to say that its 25 unless otherwise posted. If that's enough then that's great.

City Attorney Leen: We were asked to look what is legally the minimal amount of signs. I spoke with Jessica, I spoke with Peter Iglesias. We have Manny Guarch who obviously does police legal stuff and he's reaching out to Craig Collard, who is here, and then the County Attorney, Deborah Herman, who is the attorney for signs and represents Public Works. So we have everyone involved.

Commissioner Keon: OK. But if you could just give us a list of the arterials, the collectors in the City.

City Attorney Leen: Yes. I know Mr. Iglesias concern, because he raised it with me was, that he wants to make sure that we have adequate signage to give notice and that we can enforce and that's also the Police Department's concern. So we want to find out what's the minimum amount required by law to be able to meet all those goals.

Mayor Cason: So you are going to have all that information by the time – it will be an ordinance, we'll have two meetings on it, so we'll have plenty of time.

Vice Mayor Quesada: One quick thing. I just want to be clear that before we were all in office Commissioner Withers talked about this, because he had a lot of support for it, Commissioner Kerdyk discussed it...

Commissioner Lago: Cabrera.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Commissioner Cabrera did when Jim and I first started, that was our first year and then after he was off, I tried to continue with it, because of all the feedback and we got stuck with the County and the one who has been able to carry it through is Commissioner Lago, so that's why I'm fully in support of this, because they've been a lot of elected officials that have tried to get this done and it's all gotten "pigeon-holed" at the County.

Commissioner Lago: By the way, you know it's funny and I appreciate you mention Vice Mayor, but I've gone to the County several times with Craig and his team and to be able to accomplish this it's a real feather in our cap, not in my cap, in our cap, because through our efforts a lot of other municipalities are following suit, a lot of other municipalities are asking, they've called me, they said hey, we read the article in the Herald. For the first time we made the Herald front page on a really good story, something that is quality of life issue and people were calling and saying, how did you get it done?- who did you meet with?- and I said listen, talk to our legal department, they'll be more than willing to help you as we always are.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Now Miami-Dade County is taking this to the State Legislature; they reached out to me asking for language, so this will be going to the State.

Mayor Cason: City Clerk....

Commissioner Keon: Can we move ahead – Oh, so we can't move in reducing it to 25?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Yes, we can.

Commissioner Keon: We can.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: But they are looking to change the state.

Commissioner Keon: Oh, the state. OK. But in all of those areas that are gated communities throughout our City, none of the roads, none of the streets in there are either arterials or collectors, so can we contact the homeowners associations within each of those communities and ask them to give us input if they would like to, the homeowners association is an association, if they would like to request that the speed limits within those communities be reduced to 25 miles an hour.

Commissioner Lago: They actually want to go to 20 miles an hour.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Yes, I could absolutely...

Commissioner Keon: And I'd like it documented though, documented and then just let's move ahead with that. Can we do that as part of this motion?

Commissioner Lago: I've had several conversations with the homeowners that told me that actually said, no, we want to be able to move to 20 miles an hour.

Commissioner Slesnick: Could we get a clarification on the motion.

Mayor Cason: The motion is to prepare an ordinance to do 25...

Commissioner Slesnick: For the next meeting.

Mayor Cason: Well no, not for next meeting, when you are ready.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Hold on, that doesn't make sense to me. I thought the motion was to approve the 25 mile an hour speed limit.

City Attorney Leen: In principle, and then I was going to draft an ordinance which I was planning to bring back at the next meeting unless you want me to bring it back later.

Commissioner Lago: Again, I don't want to overburden you yourself, I know you have a lot of work. If you are willing to have the ordinance prepared by next meeting, I welcome it.

Commissioner Keon: I don't think it was the preparation of the ordinance. I thought it was the background and the research into...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: We are ready to go.

City Attorney Leen: All the ordinance does is it establishes the speed limit in the local areas on local roads. There will be an effective date, which will be tied to our sign plan or things like that, because we'll have to have everything in effect before it will actually be implemented, but that would just be something that could be encoded with an effective date that we would establish based on how long we think we need to put into effect and I would be working with Mr. Iglesias and Ms. Keller.

Commissioner Lago: For the residents to adopt 25 miles an hour.

Mayor Cason: Alright City Clerk.

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: No

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 4-1)

[End: 4:32:03 p.m.]